

ANNOUNCEMENT

PROPOSED SPECIAL DIVIDEND VIA DISTRIBUTION *IN SPECIE* OF SHARES IN THE STRAITS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED OR ESR GROUP LIMITED

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Straits Trading Company Limited (the “**Company**” and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) refers to its announcements dated 14 August 2022, 15 September 2022, 19 September 2022 and 1 October 2022 released on SGXNet, and the letter to Shareholders dated 30 September 2022 (“**Letter**”) despatched to Shareholders in relation to the distribution in specie (the “**Proposed Distribution**”) of new ordinary shares of the Company (“**Straits Shares**”), or at Shareholders’ election, up to 62,758,837 ordinary shares (the “**ESR Distribution Shares**”) in the issued share capital of ESR Group Limited (“**ESR**”) to shareholders of the Company (“**Shareholders**”) in accordance with the Distribution Ratio.

Unless otherwise defined, all capitalised terms used herein shall bear the same meanings ascribed to them in the Letter.

2. COMPLETION OF THE PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION

Based on the elections received from Entitled Shareholders, the Board of Directors of the Company wishes to announce that:

- (a) the Company has completed the listing and quotation of 17,684,635 New Straits Shares pursuant to the Proposed Distribution;
- (b) the Group has completed the distribution of 48,228,009 ESR Distribution Shares pursuant to the Proposed Distribution.

As described in the Letter, the New Straits Shares shall upon issue, rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing ordinary shares of the Company, except for any dividend, right, allotment or other distributions, the record date for which falls on or before 27 September 2022 (the “**Books Closure Date**”). Based on the closing market price of S\$2.63 per Straits Share on the Books Closure Date, multiplied against the distribution ratio of 180 New Straits Shares for every 1,000 Straits Shares held as at the Books Closure Date, the cash equivalent rate of the distribution per Straits Share is S\$0.4734.

As described in the Letter, an Entitled Shareholder who fails to provide correct details of its account to which its entitlement of ESR Distribution Shares are to be received will receive New Straits Shares instead. The Company will make further announcements in due course if it is issuing additional New Straits Shares under the Proposed Distribution to address such invalid elections for ESR Distribution Shares received from Entitled Shareholders.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 704(18)(B) OF THE LISTING MANUAL OF THE SINGAPORE EXCHANGE SECURITIES TRADING LIMITED

As a result of the Proposed Distribution, the Group's aggregate cost of investment in quoted securities will fall below 55.0% of the Group's latest audited consolidated net tangible assets as at 31 December 2021.

Pursuant to Rule 704(18)(b) of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, the aggregate cost of the Group's investments in quoted securities¹ are as follows:

| Rule 704(18)(b) | | Before Disposal | After Disposal |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| (i) | Aggregate cost of the Group's quoted investments (S\$ million) | 1,130.0 | 920.2 |
| | Aggregate cost of the Group's quoted investments as a percentage of the latest audited consolidated net tangible assets of the Group as at 31 December 2021 | 64.6% | 52.6% |
| (ii) | Total market value of the quoted investments (S\$ million) ⁽¹⁾ | 666.3 | 544.1 |
| (iii) | Amount of any provision for diminution in value of investments (S\$ million) | - | - |
| | Audited consolidated net tangible assets of the Group as at 31 December 2021 (S\$ million) | 1,748.4 | 1,748.4 |

Notes:

- (1) Based on the volume weighted average price of the quoted securities transacted on the full market day preceding this Announcement.

¹ For the avoidance of doubt, quoted securities do not include the Company's interest in its listed subsidiary, Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad.

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By Order of the Board

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The Straits Trading Company Limited

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Singapore

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About The Straits Trading Company Limited

Incorporated in 1887, The Straits Trading Company Limited is a conglomerate-investment company with operations and financial interests in resources, property, and hospitality. These include strategic stakes in one of the world's leading tin producer, Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad, which is dual listed on Bursa Malaysia and the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, ESR Cayman Limited and Far East Hospitality Holdings as well as a diversified property portfolio that is wholly owned by the Group.